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STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application for a Merger between Qwest Communications Corporation, et. al. and U S WEST Communications, Inc.

SCHEDULING ORDER

The above-entitled matter came on for a Prehearing Conference before Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis at the Large Hearing Room of the Public Utilities Commission in St. Paul on March 20, 2000.

After due consideration of all arguments and comments made at the Prehearing Conference, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

SCHEDULING ORDER

Filing of Applicants' Direct Testimony: March 29, 2000

Deadline for Petitions to Intervene: March 31, 2000

Direct Testimony deadline for

Non-Government Intervenors: April 17, 2000

Direct Testimony deadline for Department of Commerce and

Office of Attorney General: April 26, 2000

Deadline for written public comments: April 26, 2000

Deadline for Rebuttal to Direct Testimony of Non-Government

Intervenors: April 26, 2000

Deadline for Rebuttal to Direct Testimony of Department of Commerce and Office of Attorney

General: May 1, 2000
Deadline for Surrebuttal by all Intervenors: May 5, 2000
Evidentiary Hearing begins: May 9, 2000

ALL DEADLINES NOTED ABOVE ARE RECEIPT DATES.

The deadline for responding to discovery (information) requests is eight (8) calendar days after receipt of the request. If the information sought cannot be supplied within eight (8) calendar days, the party from which the information is sought shall notify the requesting party within four (4) calendar days to work out a schedule of compliance. Electronic or FAX filing of requests and replies is permitted, but a hard copy filing shall be made contemporaneously.

This Order is subject to modification, at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

A formal Prehearing Order will follow.

Dated this day of March, 2000

RICHARD C. LUIS, for ALLAN W. KLEIN Administrative Law Judge